

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, pending in the present application.

1-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Original) An isolated DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having human HDGF5 protein activity, wherein said nucleotide sequence shares at least 90% homology to the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides 5-910 in SEQ ID NO: 1.

12. (Original) The DNA molecule of Claim 11 wherein said nucleotide sequence encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

13. (Original) The DNA molecule of Claim 11 wherein said nucleotide sequence comprises nucleotides 5-910 in SEQ ID NO: 1.

14-15. (Cancelled).

16. (Original) A vector containing the DNA molecule of Claim 11.

17. (Original) A host cell transformed by the vector of Claim 16.

18. (Original) A method for producing a polypeptide having the activity of HDGF5 protein, which comprises the steps of:

- (a) forming an expression vector comprising the nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide having the activity of HDGF5 protein, wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably linked with an expression regulatory sequences, and said nucleotide sequence shares at least 90% homology to the nucleotide sequence of positions 5-910 in SEQ ID NO: 1;
- (b) introducing the vector of step (a) into a host cell, thereby forming a recombinant cell of HDGF5 protein;

- (c) culturing the recombinant cell of step (b) under the conditions suitable for expression of HDGF5 polypeptide;
- (d) isolating the polypeptides having the activity of HDGF5 protein.

19-20. (Cancelled).

21. (New) The method of Claim 18 wherein said nucleotide sequence comprises nucleotides 5-910 in SEQ ID NO:1.